

Hello Representatives,

Summer program is so important for the developmental years of the youth in the inner-city. A bill such as HB06574 would be detrimental to inner-city summer programs. At our summer program, we charge \$275 for 6 weeks of program. That equates to approximately \$1.52 an hour for families. Not only is that the cheapest program in the city, but the most affordable for families. Even with it being the cheapest program, we still have hundreds of families who cannot afford that.

In result of this bill, the increase in cost of nursing, physician consultants, and increased staffing needs, will be passed down to the families in the form of higher registration fees. This is completely unfair to the children less fortunate especially in an inner-city. A municipality should be able to provide to all families, regardless of financial status.

In addition to the increased costs, the OEC and DCF background check requirements are outrageous. They do not have the proper staffing to turn these around fast enough. It is a mundane step for a place where I work because we have a human resource department, that conducts similar if not the same background check. In addition, passing background check costs to our staff, which also come from less fortunate families.

The final point I will make, the facilities in which some of these programs are run out of are not equipped to handle these proposed regulations. Facilities are not equipped with nursing rooms, dozens of toilets, and "isolation rooms" with toilets and sinks. Approving this bill would also be requiring cities and towns to spend tens of millions of dollars in renovations just to comply with these regulations. Summer programs have been running in the municipality level for a long time. These programs are tailored to specific populations and environments. You can not blanket sweep intense regulations and expect it to work for everyone in the state. It is unfeasible for towns and unfair to children less fortunate.

I hope you consider to oppose this bill.

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